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BAKU NOT SATISFIED WITH ARMENIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING

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Official Baku has dismissed a controversial ruling by the Armenian Constitutional Court which was apparently designed to disprove its assertions that Armenias constitution contains territorial claims to Azerbaijan.

The court gave on September 26 the green light for parliamentary ratification of a recent agreement with Azerbaijan supposedly laying out the principles of delineating the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. But the main focus of its ruling publicized a few days later is not the agreement itself but the constitutions preamble that mentions a 1990 declaration of Armenias independence.

The declaration in turn cites a 1989 unification act adopted by the legislative bodies of Soviet Armenia and the then Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast. Baku says that this continues a territorial claim to Azerbaijan. Azerbaijani leaders have regularly stated in recent months that Baku will not sign a peace treaty with Yerevan unless this and other, unspecified Armenian legal acts are repealed.

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